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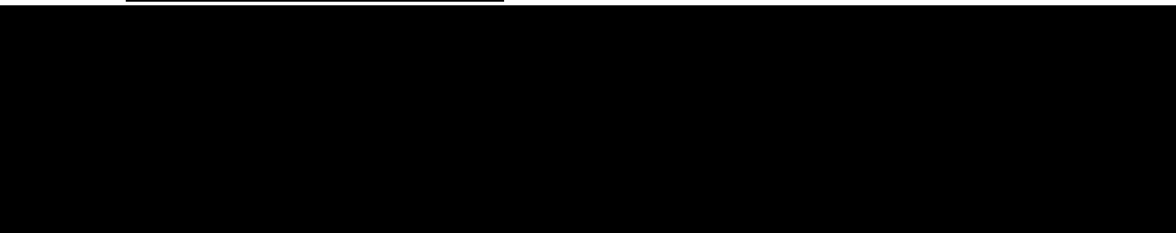
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1. In return for the passage of the Religious Teaching Law, President Peron, through a third party, let it be known to Cardinal Copello that a pastoral letter on the occasion, containing a few words of praise for the government and the Peronista Party majority, would not be unwelcome.
3. When the cardinal demurred, he was told Peron was displeased and it was implied that the government might make use of its prerogative of designating both instructors and texts for religious teaching.
3. Cardinal Copello convoked the bishops of all Argentine dioceses to discuss the awkward situation, and the difference was composed to the outward satisfaction of all by means of a visit to Peron by members of the hierarchy to thank him and the government for approval of the law and by the publication of a collective letter of thanks.
4. Despite this concession of the hierarchy, which did not make a good impression on the public, it is feared that the government will not allow the Church to name its own teachers and may use these appointments as a political weapon.

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